

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure with the following amended abstract:

-- A deblocking filtering apparatus ~~comprises~~  
— has a D mode operation circuit[[,]] for deblocking  
filtering defined by MPEG-4[[;]]  
— a T mode operation circuit[[;]]  
— an operation mode determination circuit[[,]] for  
determining whether the D mode operation circuit or the T  
mode operation circuit is to be performed[[;]] and  
— a selector[[,]] for switching the output of the D mode  
operation circuit and the output of the T mode operation  
circuit in accordance with the results of the operation  
mode determination circuit. Further, before the D mode  
operation circuit and the T mode operation circuit initiate  
their operations, the operation mode determination circuit  
performs an operation and transmits a fixed value, instead  
of an input pixel value, to a non-adaptive operation  
circuit. As a result, power consumption is reduced.--

Attachment: Replacement sheet, clean copy of abstract